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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 14, 2003 enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b, transmittal of 3 sheets of formal drawings, and a check for \$1660 for the required issue fee and publication fee, including patent copies.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-21 is appreciated. The Applicant submits the following comments concerning the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in paragraph 6 on page 3 of the attachment to the Notice of Allowability. It is the subject matter of each claim as a whole that is patentable, not any particular feature recited in the claim(s). The Applicant does not concede that the reasons for allowance given by the Examiner are the only reasons that make the claims allowable and does not make any admission or concession concerning the Examiner's statement on page 3 of the attachment to the Notice of Allowability.

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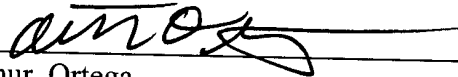
TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed 08/14/2003, please substitute the enclosed three (3) sheets of formal drawings for the corresponding drawings presently in the application.

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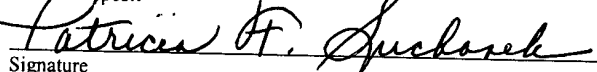
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